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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,670,702 issued September 23, 1997.
2. European Patent Application No. 0 068 785, published January 5, 1983.
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,360,926 issued November 1, 1994.
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,463,102 issued October 31, 1995.
5. European Patent Application No. 0 323 032, published July 5, 1989.

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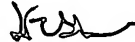
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